

## **Sex Offender Classification Board Meeting**

### **Minutes**

October 6, 2006 – 8:30 a.m.

**Present:** Pamela Huntsman, chair; Moscelene Sunderland and Thomas Hearn, members; Kathy Baird, assistant. Member Gary Horton, PhD was excused.

**Guests:** Patti Tobias, Administrative Director of the Courts; and Deputy Attorney General Krista Howard.

#### **Minutes Approval**

Minutes of the following meeting were reviewed:

- August 18, 2006 regular meeting

A MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMAS HEARN TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 18TH MINUTES AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MOSCELENE SUNDERLAND.

#### **Budget Update – Kathy Baird, SOCB Assistant**

Ms. Baird reported that approximately 56% of the SOCB operating budget has been expended, largely due to travel costs.

#### **Psychosexual Evaluations & Evaluator Certification -- Patti Tobias**

Ms. Huntsman began the discussion by explaining Board concerns over non-certified evaluators conducting pre-sentence psychosexual evaluations. She asked if the courts have expressed any complaints or concerns about the evaluations they have been receiving.

- Ms. Tobias commented that the evaluation process structure and organization is an issue.
  - Reports are often not timely and there are quality inconsistencies across the state.
  - Perhaps a more comprehensive approach with the DOC should be developed to integrate psychosexual evaluations with the presentence investigation.
  - Another issue presented is funding - counties are responsible, but not funded to pay for evaluations on indigent offenders.
- The goal is to complete high quality evaluations within 4 – 6 weeks to meet court presentence investigation timeliness standards.
- A suggestion was made to approach county commissioners regarding payment for evaluations conducted by non-certified evaluators.
- Consider querying Judges on whether they have seen overall improvements in evaluations.
- The board will also consider developing information or providing training for new judges on psychosexual evaluations and statutory requirements.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAMELA HUNTSMAN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MOSCELENE SUNDERLAND.

#### **Executive Session**

- Legal review, pursuant to I.C. 67-2345 (1)(f).
- Psychosexual Evaluator Certification.
  - Two renewal applications were reviewed and approved.

The meeting returned to regular session.

**SOCB Guidelines Review -- Board Discussion**

Revisions to the board's operational guidelines were finalized and adopted.

**Miscellaneous Business**

- A conference call is scheduled for 11/17/06 to review one offender.
- The board will meet again on Friday, 1/19/07.

The meeting was concluded at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by:  
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